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Rebecca Bronaugh to Andrew Jackson, March 7, 1823, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

REBECCA BRONAUGH TO JACKSON.

Abingdon, Va., March 7, 1823

. . . . I would not sell Dick for ten times his value unless he is unwilling to return to me, and I would not separate him and his wife on any consideration. My dear and much lamented son mentiond in his first letter from Pensacola that Dick had married a wife and as he could not bear the idia of parting man and wife he had bought her. I have as many servants as I have any use for but as it was the wish of my beloved child that I should have his servants I will take them if they wish to come to me, and I leave it entirely to yourself when to send them and in what manner.

1 Dr. J. C. Bronaugh died in Pensacola, Sept. 2, 1822. Dick was his personal servant. This letter illustrates one phase of the relation between slave and master. Jackson took charge of his deceased friend's belongings and forwarded them to Mrs. Bronaugh.